

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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BEHOLD, I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT UNTO YOU

Prospects Fair For Good Revival

FRESNO, Calif.—We are in a meeting with pastor O. A. Kelly at Glad Tidings Tabernacle. The prospects are fair for a good revival. The pastor and members are very friendly toward the Church of God. They are a fine bunch of folks. Pray for our success in the work here. Also pray for my body as I contracted cold on my trip here.

I had just returned from a trip thru the Southland to San Diego with a side trip to Agua Caliente in Old Mexico. We were royally entertained in the home of Brother W. M. Corns, one of our ministers, while in the southern city. We made a brief survey of conditions spiritually on both sides of the International boundary line. The conditions, I am sorry to say, are not very promising at the present; however, I believe we may possess the land when the time comes to move forward in that direction. For the present, at least, we feel led to leave this section to the care of others and divert our time and attention to calls in other parts.

Returning to Long Beach, we spent two nights with the family. I read and answered my mail. I responded to one letter in person, it being a special delivery air mail letter with the call for the meeting here. We left home at 3:00 p. m. Saturday in order to make the three hundred mile trip in time for the Sunday services. We drove all night. We had to cross one of the mountain ranges some five thousand feet high. We soon left the warm subtropical climate behind and found ourselves winding our way thru a blinding snow storm with fourteen inches on the ground (it had been thirty inches deep). It was extremely dangerous driving with the mountain tops bathed in the snow clouds and fog. One could scarcely see their way and in places huge boulders would come smashing down the overhanging bluffs into the road. They would be all balled up in snow which made them look still larger. We tried to find a lodging place for the night in some of the villages thru which we passed, but as all the camps were filled to capacity we kept going. Thanks to the snow plow crew which cleared up the highway for us, ditching the big stones, etc. We sped on and after about sixty miles, we suddenly dropped down out of the mountain into the beautiful San Joaquin Valley with its luxuriant sub-tropical growth everywhere which rightly gives it the title of the Sun Garden.

Here we said good-bye to Winter and good morning to Summer. We stopped en route for breakfast with a dear Christian family from back East in Kentucky where I met Brother H. M. Halsey, formerly of Kentucky and Ohio, who is a minister of the Assemblies of God. The fellowship was sweet as I had not seen the dear brother for several years. We laughed, cried, and rejoiced. But what makes me feel the gladdest is the brother who has announced his intentions of reuniting with the Church of God and helping promote its best interest in this territory.

We continued to Fresno where we were accorded a hearty welcome. We are in the battle for the Lord. This city is known as the Raisin Capital of the world and is the headquarters of the famous California Sun Maid raisins. It is in the middle, practically speaking, of San Joaquin Valley which is 250 miles long and approximately 100 miles wide. It is practically surrounded with snow capped mountains at this time of the year, some high peaks have snow all the year. It has a population of some 70,000 inhabitants, of whom many are precious spirit filled souls who are real Church of God material. But getting them to see this is another thing, so pray for us in our feeble efforts for God and His church. We need help, it is true, to propagate the noble teachings of the great Church of God for He has said, "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." John 10:16. Some will contend this scripture had its fulfillment wherein both Jew and Gentile were brought to the one fold by Christ the good Shepherd. It is true in a great measure for truly there was only one fold in that day for God's spiritual

Report of C. of G. Y.P.E. Knoxville, Tenn.

We want to sound a note of praise in behalf of our Y.P.E. at Knoxville. The Endeavor is progressing wonderfully in finance, membership, attendance and spirituality. We believe we have one of the finest groups of young people you will find anywhere. The Endeavor has been organized only three months and we have recently elected new officers for the next quarter. We feel there are great things for us in the future if we continue to progress as we have these first three months.

We sincerely hope that every one who reads this little report will earnestly pray that we will continue in our efforts to do greater things for Christ, and His kingdom. — The Y. P. E. at Knoxville. By Grace McLain, appointed.

25 Receive Holy Ghost, 25 Baptized in Water, 24 Came into the Church

NOCATEE, Fla. — A wonderful revival closed at Nocatee, Fla. Twenty-five receive the Holy Ghost, twenty-four were baptized in water, and twenty-four came into the church. On the eleventh of March Brother S. C. Chambers came here and put up his tent and we went into a battle against the enemy. The altar was full from the first service to the last. The weather was bad for part of the time it rained, but the people came. People who had never been here came to the services. The devil is stirred here as never before. The last night of meeting at least forty-five were in the altar. The results will never be known here. We lost count of the number saved and sanctified. It was up in thirty or forty. We have a fine little church here in Nocatee. We have a membership of ninety-five now. Please pray for us here. — The pastor, W. R. Whidden.

C. of G. Y.P.E. In Oklahoma

MAUD, Okla. — I praise God this morning for victory. I am saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. I belong to the dear old Church of God. I am the president of the C. of G. Y. P. E. We have about fifteen who come and take interest most of the time.

All who read this pray for the work and the church at this place. The work is new to me as I am young in years and the way of the Lord. Pray earnestly for me that God will use me as He sees best. I would like to hear from young Christians and Young People's Endeavors. — Your brother in Christ Jesus, Wiley E. Wright.

Wants Understanding

DILLON, S. C.—I thank the Lord this morning because I know I am a child of the King. I was saved about sixteen years ago and was sanctified and received the blessed Holy Ghost last October at the dear old Church of God of Dillon.

Thank the Lord, when He sanctified me He gave me a job. I have been conducting prayer meeting ever since. We had a glorious time Saturday night. Two were saved and all the saints were blessed.

I love the dear Church of God of which I am a member. I ask all the saints to pray for me that I may live low and humble and do the things the Lord would have me do in this life and at last have a home in heaven.

Pray for my unsaved children that the Lord may save them before it is too late. Also pray that the Lord will give me understanding in the reading of His precious Word. He is still calling me to be a soul winner for Him. I expect to be a preacher some day with the Lord's help. I feel like I can never thank Him enough for what He has done for me.

I would enjoy getting letters from some of the saints and will try to answer all received.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. H. D. McDowell.

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"This Is That"

They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance — Acts 2:4.

F. A. Hubbell

No true Christian can deny the facts recorded in Acts the second chapter. Believers who know the Scriptures admit that one hundred and twenty disciples were actually filled with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. All admit that they all spake with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. They all acknowledged the awe-inspiring, reason-dizzying, supernatural power of God there displayed. "But," says some, "that was for the Jews. That was not meant for our day." And many other similar objections are waged today against the latter rain, which is falling copiously everywhere. Therefore, let us consider some indisputable facts.

Peter in God's Will

Bear in mind now that Peter, speaking under the power and guidance of the Spirit with which he was just filled, declared boldly, saying, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." If this, the fullness of the Spirit with speaking in tongues, is not that, why did Peter say so, and why did Luke so record it? But the goods were there as signs to prove that Peter spoke the truth. If this is that then that must be this. If this is that, then nothing else can be that. If God says this is that (and if God did not speak thru Peter that day, Peter lied) then what men call that is not that. If Peter's kind of anointing was the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy, then no one who has not received Peter's kind has any scriptural ground for claiming to have endowment with power from on high. If this is not that, why did they speak in tongues when they were filled with the Spirit in Samaria and in Caesarea and in Ephesus? Acts 8, 10, 19. If this is that then no one but the one hundred and twenty received Joel's promised experience on that day. If this was that and this introduced the beginning of the New Testament church age and they only BEGAN to speak with other tongues on that day, then nothing short of this dare be pronounced that which Joel promised. And if this latter rain is not that of Peter's day, why has it the same supernatural phenomena of speaking in other tongues and spiritual intoxication and joy as at Pentecost? And why does it have the same reason dizzying and bewildering effect on others? If this today, the so-called latter rain, is not that of Peter's day; if it is of the devil, as many shamefully declare, why do not those who claim to know the Word of God receive the genuine article? Why do they not receive this which Peter declared is that? If this is that, as Peter shouted, and this today has the indisputable earmarks of that, how can any honest man reject this? If Peter's this was Joel's that, and ours this is Peter's this, then they who claim Joel's that without the supernatural of Peter's this have neither this nor that. And if they have something but have not this or that, then it follows that what they have or claim to have is a counterfeit. If people ask now as they did then, What meaneth this? If what some men dare to call the baptism or anointing with the Spirit is that which was spoken by Joel, why do they not have the same identical manifestations of the Spirit as at Pentecost? We hear the echo as it answers, WHY? What made them run together to see and hear? It was not wealth, for all the apostles were poor fishermen. The same has been true of the advocates of the latter rain. It was not their learning and eloquence for the Jews

perceived that they were ignorant and unlearned. They had taken no training in elocution. But it was evident to all that they had been with Jesus and learned of Him. The same facts are true in this latter rain downpour. As with the apostles so with the workers today, they are unknown. The big fellows are too brainy and self-sufficient to accept God's simple but sublime, supernatural unction from on high. They prefer to persuade even by argument and excellency of speech. Shame! What is this? Exactly what does the Holy Spirit mean by this? Three times "this" is mentioned. V. 12, 16, and 38. Certainly "this" cannot mean what some teachers claim today—that people can be filled with the Holy Ghost without speaking in other tongues. Prophets had that experience under the old covenant. This must possess some hitherto unknown works which makes it different from all that had been before. This which Peter had just received and of which he was then speaking was exceedingly unique. Joel's prophecy was never understood until its fulfillment on the day of Pentecost. Only the one hundred and twenty understood it then. The 500 brethren (1 Cor. 15:6) did not understand it, though they may have heard of it. Not until they experienced "this" could they answer the question, What meaneth "this"? Men who insist that they received the Holy Ghost when they accepted Christ have no conception of what "this" really is. Men who have not received "this" which Peter received, and actually enjoy what he there enjoyed, know nothing about it, though they may seem to speak of it ever so wisely. "This is that" and only those who experience "this" can possibly understand "that." It was not known before that Isa. 28:11,12 should then be fulfilled, that with stammering lips and another tongue God would speak and therewith should come the promised rest and the refreshing. Neither did anyone know until he experienced it, that the outpouring of the Spirit should bring the fulfillment of Heb. 4:9, the rest to the people of God. The one hundred and twenty did not know for what they were waiting except that the Holy Ghost should be poured out upon them and they should be endowed with power from on high. They did not wait for tongues but for the Holy Ghost who was promised, and, yet, they all spake with tongues, not of themselves but as the spirit gave them utterance." Do you blame them? And can we blame saints today if they speak as the Spirit gives them utterance? No sir!

Today the wise teachers would make it appear that Paul discarded speaking in tongues as childish or unimportant. Some would make him teach that saints can be filled or anointed with the Spirit (filled and saved at the same moment) without speaking in other tongues. Of course if teachers are not scripturally anointed or endowed with power from on high after Peter's pattern, they fail to see that Luke was not called to write the epistles, the food for the Church of God, neither was Paul called to write about Pentecost, the power for the Church of God. They who are not filled with the Spirit sometimes can never go on and be filled with all the fullness of God and grow up as stall fed calves into Christ in all things. Men speak and write flippantly of speaking in other tongues as if it were a plaything, or an optional experience. If other tongues is a plaything, why did the

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Greetings To The Evangel Family

Will you please give me space in this family which I love so well? I feel like testifying this morning as I can't go to church. I have the victory in my soul which I do praise God for. I am still saved, sanctified and have the sweet Holy Ghost with me this beautiful Sunday morning. I would be so glad to see some of God's bloodwashed children come this way. I am in a hard place. It seems as though the devil has this place. We have been compelled to quit preaching at the little house where I have been. The Baptist have declared war on me and said they did not want holiness preached, that it was a shame to preach that we could live above sin, then said they knew they sinned each day and hour. Dear ones, I ask that you breathe a prayer to God for this place and that He may use me here that His Word may go forth, for I want to be an overcomer and be ready to meet my dear Saviour when He comes. Your humble brother in Christ, Henry D. Pipkin, Route 1, Donaldson, Ark.

He Heard the Macedonian Call And Went

1 Cor. 9:16
Q. C. Dunnaway

My heart is full of devout gratitude as I sit and write these words on the subject that lies nearest to my life and which all humankind should mostly consider as a solemn profession to our world. More than nineteen centuries ago our God of Glory looked down from His shining heights above upon a world of benighted darkness and a people steeped in unblushing wickedness, with a glance of pitying forgiveness and saw they had raved in their disdaining unscrupulousness and He saw the pathway of life was filled with uncertainties and that every heart of mankind was sickened with sin and guilt and their souls seemed to have been crying under this great impression, How long? The most stupendous interrogatory that Jehovah God ever approached the ears of man with were these words, Whom shall I send and who will go for us? This seems to have been an appalling cry direct from the great heart of the Unseen Maker and doubtless these divine remarks all the way from the sky to land rang with such melody and fear that it bestirred the believing hearts of many. One of the strongest expressions of amplitude and readiness was Isaiah's response to this God-sent suggestion when he cried thus, Lord, here am I, send me. Isa. 6:6. Individuality, impartiality and eagerness for doing service to help and aid fallen and sin-stricken humanity and lift them from the avaricious footprints that they were engraving on the sands of life to a better and more perfect way seem to have had a better resting abode in the hearts of our dears who lived in the sweet long ago than of most so-called preachers of this time and age.

Baptist Receives Holy Ghost

LESTER, W. Va. — I have been a reader of the dear Evangel since March 1918 and I feel I could not do without it. It is a welcome visitor in our home each week. I praise God this morning because I am saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.

The Lord is working at Lester, W. Va. We have cottage meetings Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons. Not many attend but the dear Lord is blessing. One Baptist sister received the Holy Ghost. We heard her speak tongues. Her husband is seeking the baptism. We have a church lot paid for but no church on it. We believe that the dear Lord will give the means to build one.

I was wonderfully healed a few days ago. I was so weak I could hardly walk from the bed to the chair. I was so short of breath when the saints came I could not talk with ease. But praise His dear name, in a short time after they came in the Lord wonderfully healed me. — Laura Thomas.

GLAD TO BE WITH SAINTS

WARE SHOALS, S. C.—I praise the dear Lord this evening because I am saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I thank Him because I am a member of the Church of God. Six saints from Greenville, S. C. came and had services with us, also a sister from Waterloo, S. C. I praise the Lord for this. I wonder why so many of God's children are deprived of being in services. I sympathize with everyone.

I did not move away from the church but the strike moved the most of the Holiness folks away. This surely is a test for God's children. I truly believe there is something just ahead of us.

I ask the prayers for us here, that my family may be saved before it is too late, and that the Lord will send some true Church of God people here to live and get this work built up. I am so thankful for the good health I am enjoying. I would be glad to get letters from anyone who feels led to write. They are so helpful.—A sister, Maggie Gilmer.

Divinely Healed

AMHERST, Va.—I praise the dear Lord for healing me of tonsilitis. I had tonsilitis so bad that I could hardly get my breath and my people thought I would die. One night I laid the Evangel on in the name of Jesus and He instantly healed me. I failed to testify for Him and about a week ago my tonsils swelled again. The Lord healed me again and I praise His dear name. He still heals just as He did when He was here on earth. I am glad that I found this good way. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Pray for me that I may stay humble and do the Lord's will at all times.—Your sister in Christ, Ruth G. Cash.

Once a man was walking about and he fancied he saw two letters written on the skies, viz: G. P. This scene seized his thoughts and he pretty soon presumed the idea that this was the abbreviation of "Go Preach". He responded to the bitter undertaking and before he had gone far on his canvassing he reconsidered and changed his profession into a confession and stated the abbreviation of G. P. as "Go Plow," and I sincerely trust he has been fulfilling his calling thoroughly

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CHURCH OF GOD CONTINUES TO BROADCAST

The last of a series of services by the Church of God goes on the air over station W.E.B.Q., Harrisburg, Ill., April 28. Many have tuned in and been blessed. Do thou likewise.—E. L. Simmons.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield, if nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIALS

Faith Simmons Llewellyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Simmons and wife of Paul Llewellyn, had a serious automobile accident which resulted in her death. Her funeral was held in the Church of God Auditorium, April 18.

A good revival is now in progress here conducted by the pastor, H. L. Whittington. Several have prayed thru to victory and the altar is filled from time to time with anxious seekers.

We are very sorry that our Sunday School literature supply for this quarter is all gone. We hope that all will do their best, and we will make more for next quarter. We are delighted to note the great increase in Sunday School work.

While times are very hard and money hard to get, yet the Lord is blessing and prospering His church. We are delighted to hear of the good revivals the Lord is giving in different sections. If there has ever been a time the people of God should draw close to Him and each other, it is surely now. Surely the end draweth nigh.

The Assembly year is half gone already. I wonder if we can do more in the coming six months than we have in the past.

This week F. B. Marine sends seventeen subscriptions to the Evangel; E. W. Williams, ten; W. Frank Smith, six; Richard Turner, six; C. A. Ford, five; A. S. Eason, four; and Mrs. Douglas, four. We have received since last issue eighty-six subscriptions and renewals. Many thanks to each worker.

17 Added to Church of God in Chicago, Ill.

CHICAGO, Ill. We have just closed a wonderful revival at the Church of God in Chicago, which proved to be a real time of refreshing for the saints and a surrender to God for the sinner. When the revival first started it seemed that the meetings would be as usual but about the fourth or fifth night it was all different. Sinners were coming to the altar and the backsliders were coming back to Father's house even as the prodigal son did when he saw the good things he had left for a little taste of the world.

It was wonderful to hear the messages as they went forth under the power of the Holy Ghost with interpretations. It seemed that the messages as they went forth were enough to convince any sinner that the Holy Ghost was right and for whosoever will.

The revival was conducted by Sister Shumaker. At the close of the revival we all had the pleasure of having our overseer, Brother Simmons, come to baptize and receive followers into the great Church of God. Fourteen obeyed Christ in water baptism and such a wonderful time as was had. It seemed that the very Spirit of God had descended upon the water. The last night Brother Simmons was with us we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing, also seventeen were added to the Church for which we truly do praise the dear Lord.

Last Sunday the weather was such that God opened the way for us to have a street meeting. It truly is wonderful the chances that God does give. His children to witness for Him when they can see His hand in it.

We want all who read this to pray for the Church here that God will truly bless every move she makes and that she will rise and shine in such a way that the sinner may know salvation is real. Just a sister in the great Church of God, Miss Martha Zimmerman, 2942 W. Madison Street.

THE LORD IS GOOD TO ME

SCOTTSBORO, Ala. — The Lord keeps me through everything I undertake to do for Him. He helps me every year to send the orphans some money. But last year was a bad crop year and I didn't send any money. My heart's desire is to help them in some way. On Jan. 15, 1930 the Lord put it on my heart to piece a quilt or two for them. I cut a pattern and pieced a block and took it around to my holy sisters and friends and they pieced a block and most of them put their names on them. We pieced enough for two quilts. I do thank the folks for a helping hand toward the orphans home. I took some of my free will offerings and bought the cotton and linings. Then I gave a quilting and some of the saints and friends helped quilt them. I do thank the Lord for that. I pay my tithes and put in my free will offerings. I have plenty to eat and wear and a little comfortable home to live in. If we won't rob God He won't rob us. I have six children and some of them have the blessing. Please pray for the others and for my husband to get the blessing. Pray that a church will be set in order here soon. The Lord is so good to me. When I get sick He heals my body. —Your sister in Christ, Mary J. Smith, Rt. 3.

My Strength And Stay

Mt. AIRY, N. C.—I praise God this morning for salvation in my soul that keeps peace and joy in my heart when the whole world seems to be frowning and scorning and Satan's powers are on every hand. I am so glad the Lord is my strength and stay and is ever present in time of need. I have found Him so precious to my wandering soul. He gave me joy and rest when everything else failed. He gave me the precious Holy Ghost which still abides. He put a great desire in my heart to grow stronger in Him and get more humble and more able to bear the trials and tests along the way. I want to live a life that will please Him. I know if I please Him I can win some precious souls for the kingdom. I love the good old holy way because it brings so much joy to us in this world and gives us a right to see the Lord some day if we keep in it.

I desire the prayers of every child of God that God will completely heal my body and that I may grow stronger in Him. —Your sister in Jesus, Virginia Bowman.

Joy Restored

BOAZ, Ala.—I am thanking the Lord today for His wonderful saving power, for watching over me while I was in sin and bound by the devil. The Lord wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost when I was thirteen years of age. I had many trials and temptations along the way. Last Fall the trials were so great until it seemed as though I could go no farther and instead of praying I gave it up and went back in sin, but listen, dear saints, I found no pleasure in sin. My life was miserable. I spent many restless nights. I didn't think I had a friend. The devil will make you think lots of things when he gets you in his clutches, but nevertheless God gave me another chance. Praise His matchless name! One of the dear saints at Boaz wrote me a letter. I believe that God directed every word. I was at my mother's ten miles from Boaz at that time. I can never find words to express the feeling that I had when I read the letter. The first thing I did I went out in a secret place and poured out my heart to God, but the burden seemed heavier than ever. I went back to the house and started for Boaz, seeking peace instead of pleasures. Praise God! He said seek and you shall find. I went to church. Brother Z. D. Simpson surely did preach a good sermon. I went to the altar and the saints gathered around me and God sent sufficient power to cast the devil out. He set me free, restored my joy and gave me a determination to fight the devil more than ever. We surely have a good shepherd at Boaz. He is doing his best to bring the little sheep into the fold. Brother and Sister Simpson surely have been lots of help to me, which I appreciate very much.

Dear saints, do hold on to God's unchanging hand and never let the trials of this life overthrow you. I'm going to do my best to live for my blessed Redeemer the rest of my life for I know the promise is to the one that endures to the end. I want to hear Him say, Well done, thou good and faithful servant. I love the Church of God and Her teachings. I want to live and prove to the world that I have victory over sin and the devil. 1 Sam. 16:7, "But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." Praise His dear name! I am so glad He knows our hearts. I am so glad for the love I have in my heart for all the saints everywhere, and desire the prayers of all of God's children; that I will be an overcomer to the end.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Thelma Brown.

There will be all day service with dinner on the ground at the Church of God at Lafayette, Ga., May 11, Mother's Day. Everybody is welcome.—C. H. Prince, pastor.

If there are any children of God who are out in the work and want to come to a new place to work where there are not many saints, this is the place for them. We would certainly appreciate all the help we can possibly

NOTICES & SPECIALS

The Brownfield District convention will convene May 23-25, 1930. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Come and come praying that God will bless in a wonderful way.—A. S. Eason, pastor of Brownfield, S. Route.

The Fourth District Sunday School convention of the Church of God will convene at Shawneetown, Ill., May 11, 1930 at 9:30 a. m. W. A. Summers, district superintendent will be in charge. Come and all and bring a well filled basket.—W. A. Mitchell, district Sec., 1125 N. Lincoln St., Eldorado, Ill.

Would like to help in meetings. Can play piano or organ and sing. Anyone desiring a helper of this kind, address May Hammond, Box 81, Sevierville, Tenn.

WANTED.—A used tent. If anyone has one for sale, get in touch with H. L. Whittington, Cleveland, Tenn.

WARNING

We are warning our good people and the churches in North Carolina against an old lady traveling around, described to us as being very stout, possibly sixty or sixty-five years of age, with her hair bobbed. Limps a little as she walks. Claims she has been in a wreck. Has one of the old Assembly Minutes, trying to pass as a Church of God preacher. Seems she changes her name from time to time and claims she is immensely rich though wants help, borrows money, promises to pay back with large interest. She has fooled our people enough, I think, by now, so beware of such a character.—John L. Stephens.

P. S.—We have also heard of the above described party traveling down through Georgia and into Florida and possibly other states.

DISTRICT MEETINGS IN NORTH CAROLINA

No. 1, Wilmington District, April 26, 27, Broad Creek church, F. A. Hubbard, district pastor.

No. 2, Washington, May 3, 4, Greenville, N. C., L. C. Hunnings, district pastor.

No. 3, Rocky Mount, May 10, 11, Rocky Mount, N. C., C. W. Coats, district pastor.

No. 4, Durham, May 17, 18, Coats, N. C., T. L. Little, district pastor.

No. 5, Mt. Airy, May 24, 25, Mt. Airy, N. C. D. R. Robinson, district pastor.

No. 6, North Wilksboro, May 31, June 1, Moravian Falls, N. C., T. C. Wiggins, district pastor.

No. 7, Charlotte, June 7, 8, Kannapolis, N. C., J. M. Snyder, district pastor.

No. 8, Gastonia, June 14, 15, Gastonia, N. C., W. M. Stallings, district pastor.

No. 9, Asheville, June 21, 22, Bluffton, N. C., J. S. Bradburn, district pastor.

No. 10, Hayesville, June 28, 29, Shooting Creek, N. C., G. P. Ledford, district pastor.

Each of the churches, especially ministers and workers, is expected to attend these meetings in his respective district. We may have all day services with dinner on the ground on each of the above Sundays.

THEN COMES THE DATE FOR THE NORTHE CAROLINA STATE ASSEMBLY

The state assembly will convene at Belmont, N. C., July 3-6. All who read this ask the Lord to bless in these meetings.—John L. Stephens.

Alabama state assembly will convene at Boaz, Ala., May 29, 7:30 p. m. to May 31. All pastors and ministers are requested to be present. We will need you to assist in arranging for the state camp meeting. Those who are planning for revivals, please arrange so you can attend this assembly. Will expect all district pastors present to give report of the work in their districts. We will arrange a program.—John C. Padgett, state overseer.

WANTED.—A pastor with wife and not more than one child. House free and mostly furnished. In the country but good roads. Write me at once.—R. L. Rexrode, Monroe, Va.

The Church of God at Somerset, Pa. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members before our next business meeting which will be on the evening of May 3 at 7:30. Miss Mary Friedline, Miss Elizabeth Wechtenheiser, and Miss Edna Yutzy. If we fail to receive information from these, their names may be dropped from our roll.—Elise M. Reiber, 1018 Park Ave., Somerset, Pa.

There will be all day service with dinner on the ground at the Church of God at Lafayette, Ga., May 11, Mother's Day. Everybody is welcome.—C. H. Prince, pastor.

If there are any children of God who are out in the work and want to come to a new place to work where there are not many saints, this is the place for them. We would certainly appreciate all the help we can possibly

Mississippi District Meeting

CLARKSDALE, Miss. — By the help of God and direction of the Holy Ghost I shall try to give a brief report of the district meeting which convened at Cleveland, Miss. March 28th-30th inclusive. Service opened Friday night with Brother P. F. Fritz in charge, the writer conducting the testimony service, after which Brother S. J. Heath gave a review of the work in the state, how he had labored to bring Mississippi up to the Bible standard and with the cooperation of the churches and ministers great things could be accomplished before the next Assembly. I say, let's go forward with greater zeal for God and humanity than ever before. "They that do know their God are strong and do exploits."

Our revival will begin at the Church of God at Dalton, Ga., April 27, 1930. We want to have a camp meeting. Anyone desiring to work for the Lord, bring your camping outfit and come ahead. We want to give the devil a black eye in the state of Georgia. All who read this, pray for us.—Frank Swaggerty, pastor, 1512½ Central Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

I would like to get with some traveling minister of the Church of God who is also a musician. I wish to learn music, especially learn how to play a guitar, and sing good songs. While I have never been baptized, I have always lived a moral life. I am twenty years of age, free to travel, and would like very much to begin working for the Lord. If interested, write.—R. R. Powell, Greenwood, Ky.

Illinois-Indiana camp meeting and state convention will convene in the city park at Olney, Ill., June 4-15, 1930. There is a large amphitheatre for services, dining hall, and plenty of beds. All you will be out is your meals. If you are interested in attending, write to Graham Ogleby, 602 Chestnut St., Olney, Ill.—E. L. Simmons.

Saturday morning many preachers began to come in and the entire morning and afternoon were given to singing and talking on the government of the Church. It was encouraging to all. Many of us had probably never realized the breadth, depth and length of this great subject, but I am sure all gained some knowledge that will be worth much. Any way we learned that of the increase of His government there shall be no end. So it behoves each of us to measure up to the Word and at the end of the journey we will be glad we walked in the light.

Saturday night the song service was gracious and inspiring. Surely the people there deserve much praise for their good singing. After songs and prayer Brother S. S. Monroe from Indiana preached on the signs following believers. It was enjoyed. This was followed by a sermon by Brother Beabe on signs of a sanctified life. I am sure after hearing his discourse it would be easy to discern a sanctified life. Surely "a tree is known by its fruits."

Sunday morning the Sunday School was an important feature; Brother Fritz mentioned the beauty of the classes. Then followed Brother Heath's message on the Church, which was wonderful and enjoyed by all. Wives whose husbands were absent went home saying, "I wish husband had been there." Surely they missed the best of the service. Sister Mary Tidwell was there with her smiling face and gave a good talk on praising the Lord.

Brother Edwards preached Sunday afternoon on the prodigal son. His message was enjoyed so much. He stressed the love of father for his children and even though they leave the fireside and eat husk with the swine and do many things against father's will, when they become tired of sin and straying and long for the comforts of home and parents, there is always a welcome on their return and a forgiving of all wrongs committed. "Love covereth a multitude of sins." This is true with our heavenly Father who offers life to all who will have it.

The writer was not there for the Sunday night service but I am sure the people got to enjoy another feast of good things as Brother Beabe was to preach on the signs of the time. Surely Brother Fritz is to be highly esteemed for his faithfulness, his good life, and his labor for God and His Church. Yours in the faith, (Miss) Maud Medlin.

Enjoys Reading The Paper

ODUM, Ga.—The entrance of the word giveth light to all who are meek and lowly in heart. The word of God is the way of life made known to men. Lo, I am with you alway unto the end.

I do love this little paper because it is food to my soul. I have been a reader of this little paper for more than five years and how I do enjoy it because of its good testimonies and because I love God's church and His dear saints everywhere. I enjoy the paper because I have this plan of salvation and because He will hear and answer prayer. He will heal our bodies when we get sick if we will believe.

I ask all the saints to remember me in your prayers.—One who is striving to go all the way with Jesus with me. —Mrs. W. J. O'Quinn Jr., Rt. 2.

TRYING TO BE A BLESSING

N. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — I praise the Lord for His great love to me. It has been about seven years since He gave me the baptism of the Holy Ghost and I still have the victory. I was once bound by the chains of sin and filthy habits of this world, but when His blood was applied it cleaned me up. Since that time I have been able thru His grace to turn away from temptation and sin.

We are a band of people here in N. Chattanooga trying to be a blessing to humanity. The Lord is blessing our feeble efforts. The Lord has given us a dear humble man of God for a pastor, Brother J. L. Goins. When he came here he took hold of a big job as we had just finished a new church building and were in a financial strain. The membership of our church are laboring men and women so we have to do big things in a small way. But God has blessed Brother Goins' labor. He has always been able to meet the payments of the church. I think I can speak for the church and community in general and say that we love Bro. Goins and will stand by him spiritually and financially.

I ask all who read this to pray for the Church of God at N. Chattanooga.

Means Much To Live For Jesus

SHAW, Miss.—A few lines to all who may read the Evangel. I am still praising God this morning that everything is as well as it is with me. I am thanking the Lord that I have a great love down in my soul for everybody, and in the future I hope to live with Jesus where I have playmates and loved ones who have gone on somewhere, we hope they are sleeping in the arms of Jesus who is able to destroy all sin and who is able to make us rejoice. I am still striving to enter at the straight gate where there is no sorrow and no pain. I have two girls who have the Holy Ghost and two boys who are asking all to pray for them that they may hold out to the end. It means much to live for the Lord for the trials are so great, but we know He has promised to be with us even to the end of the world. Remember me in your prayers and pray that my home may continue to press the battle on until Jesus calls us. We are looking for Jesus to come soon to catch away His Bride. I long to be in that number. May God bless all of you.—Your brother, C. A. Sellers, Rt. 2.

Prospects Fair For Good Revival

(Continued from page one) sheep to be gathered into and this was the Church of God. Hence Paul instructs the elders at Ephesus accordingly, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Acts 20:28.

To my utter astonishment, I meet intelligent men and women, some who are even ministers, in my travels around the country who do not know there is a latter day movement known as The Church of God which fits so well into the prophecies relating to this day and age. But thank God, she is here nevertheless and to stay until Jesus comes. Altho' she is still in her infancy, she is slowly but surely coming back to the apostolic power and glory that rested upon the early church. Men are rising up here and pulling off there saying, Lo, here is the Church, and are attaching handles and balls and what nots, both suffixes and prefixes to the name of God's church so as to make the man-handling so much the easier. God help these people. No one even has a right to twist the Scripture to suit their notions in selecting the names for the church.

I am glad the Church of God came back to light just when she did. It has been my blessed privilege through the last several years to see her steering thru all the confused masses, endeavoring all the while to keep in the middle of the road. Upon meeting a certain pentecostal minister of considerable prominence, and he, no doubt, alluding to one or more of the men or groups of men who had separated themselves from us at different times along the way, said, "Which side do you belong to?" I said, my dear brother, there's only two sides, the inside and the outside and I belong to the inside of course. The answer was sufficient. There are multiplied thousands of believing men and women throughout the land who are even sanctified and have the Holy Ghost according to the Bible, Acts 2:4, who have no connection with the literal visible body of our Lord. But God is bringing His true ones together. Paul says, "We are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." Eph. 5:30. We will not be a lot of spirits floating about. Of course, Paul also says, This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." Eph. 5:32.

A certain pentecostal lady said to me only this week, If the Church of God is all you claim it to be why does it not move on faster and why do we not see and hear more about it? She also said, There are lots of hungry souls looking for just such a church. I said, This is a big thing and God has determined its speed and when it is necessary for it to speed on faster, God will speed her up. After all, we may not be so small and insignificant for God has added approximately 25,000 to our number including 1,300 ministers of the different rank and file who have carried the Word thru most of the States and into several lands beyond our borders. Besides this He has given us a large brick Auditorium in which we conduct our Bible School and hold our annual Assemblies which building compares very well with some of the other important auditoriums throughout the land. I also made mention of the Children's Home, the Orphan's Home and Farm, the Publishing House, The Evangel, our weekly paper which is in its twenty-second successful year, our Home and Foreign Missions, etc. Quite a different tune? We started in the East and are now on our westward march. You will learn more of us ere long for we are heading this way strong. Upon this the woman left with a sigh of relief.

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God. Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod; We are not divided, all one body we, One in faith and doctrine, one in char-

He Heard The Macedonian Call and Went

(Continued from page one) ever since.

I know of certain preachers who say they would rather help finance the other ministers and not go much themselves because of their wives and children and other domestic impediments that stand in their way. But I have observed closely that preachers who preach only a few dry sermons a month their donations to the passing-by ministers are very light which shows a deep mark of penitence which should be a discredit on his part of the church which he represents. It looks hard for such an impression to be borne on the voice of man but the truth will live unquelled and unextinguished thru every prevailing storm of evil and will be our only safe bark to ride the dark billows on life's fitful sea unimpeded and unresisted from these low grounds of sin and sorrow to our spotless mansions of rest beyond the murky river of death. The ferocity is this I know of ministers who are affiliated with the same orthodoxy that I am and are very voracious as far as the finance of earth is concerned, precious souls who profess to have such honor conferred upon them, and then sit and nest around home like a flock of geese or ducks around a mill pond or a mud hole. Dear me! Say, preachers, let us arise and be doing. What you say? Let's embrace our loved ones at home in our arms and plant kisses of adieu upon their faces and say, I must go now out into the field of life to rescue yonder man and woman who are now going down perhaps to rise no more. I am sure the favors mentioned in Matt. 19:29 will never apply to such sort of preachers. To say my best for such ministers I would say, Poor persons, shake loose from that old stale and foul spirit that has you bound hands and feet where you can't run and handle the Word of God, and has your tongue tied so you can't speak the saving truth of God Almighty. I concede it is dolorous for us to leave our parents and other kindred that are extremely dear to us, but read carefully the promises that are recorded in God's Book and this will surely inspire and induce us to make more rapid pace on our heavenly journey for we know perfectly that soon or late the clouds in the West will turn to gold and we shall receive our summons sent by the messenger calling us home from the lingering brink of the river into the presence of the King. Certainly it pays us to work while it is day for the night of death is coming when no man will be changed to work.

I well know the definition of ministry. I know what leaving home and all who are dear to preach Christ's gospel to a hostile and cold hearted world is, but it is go or lose the glorious experience of salvation that God enriched my soul with years ago and all my other interests to which I have so enthusiastically and devotedly clung. Amid all the friends of earthly life there is no one as incessantly and constantly true as mother. The sacrifice just to bid her adieu and go was very implorable and heartrending but I read where the Bible taught if we cast our bread upon the waters we shall find it after many days. Eccl. 11:1. "And again, He that soweth in tears shall reap in joy." They that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed shall come again rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him." Psa. 126:56. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever." Dan. 12:3. I feel that among the most disappointed beings at the judgment will be many of the preachers who shirked duty while here and failed to abandon their home and fiancee of this life and carry the good message of salvation and happiness to a time-killing and soul-destroying world. Like children rising on Christ-morning rushing to their stockings into which their gifts were supposed to have been placed and findeth nothing, so shall the greater number of our preachers be who idly loitered around home till death called them to the realization of their bitter regrets of a mispent life. At the judgment, alas, they will have no reward for their service. I, of course have and appreciate my people and friends at home but the service I render for the good reason here will not be recognized inglorious. My kind mother was summoned away to her haven of final happiness some time ago and if this beautiful world in which we live and all that it surrounds were mine I

ity.

Now in closing, let me advise that too many of you brethren not rush out here unless you have a lot of grace, grit, and greenback, or at least enough grace to trust God for the rest else you had better stay in the East for there are hundreds of thousands of men out of work at the present, it is reported. I am told eight thousand pentecostal ministers are financially stranded in California. I hardly know how we have kept going, but God has made a way somehow. We have a nice little mission in Long Beach with a young people's meeting and Sunday School organized. We hope to set a church in order before the Assembly if we can keep it going. We are hoping for better times. Pray for California.—J. H. Ingram, Overseer of Calif. and Ariz., 1148 Junipero, Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

Mission Department

Material for this Department should be mailed to E. L. Simmons, Mission Secretary, Christopher, Ill.

4th SUNDAY IN MAY MISSION RALLY DAY

In harmony with an act of the 24th Annual Assembly, the Mission Board urges that each local church observe the 4th Sunday in May as a special Rally Day for missions. Churches in Bahama and Jamaica are requested to observe the same in special prayer. Please don't forget.

E. L. Simmons, Mission Sec.

MISSION BOARD CHAIRMAN TO VISIT ISLANDS

We are pleased to announce that Brother R. P. Johnson, chairman of the Mission Board, is to visit the Bahama Islands convention, May 7-12. Brother Johnson will also make an extensive visit to the out islands of this group to visit the churches and make a survey of their needs. We expect this trip to be a great success and greatly stimulate the work there.

would unwillingly give it over to God the Father for the privilege of having one more talk with her. This is an impossibility sure, but I intend to be true to my trust and own the favors of my Keeper, with His grace, till I myself am called thither there to spend eternity in untiring happiness and felicity where there will be no more stormy seas and no nights, where the sea will always be calm and the shadow of death will never fall. Now in the glaring light of these facts does it not pay us after all to do our best for the divine cause of salvation for which many have left their bloody footprints on the field of action that will never be erased, who have suffered untold agonies, endured and died? Did they die ingloriously? I say no. God has remembered all of their faithful durableness.

We have two sorts of preachers in this age, viz: the slacker who is very indolent, who seems to delight in seeing the gospel work progress but encourages the other man and boosts him, but like the man (Bill Jones) who was so lazy some were carrying him away to bury him, he would rather be carried and buried than to arise from his slumbering and shell the corn. If there is any one in God's world I am sorry for, it is a lazy preacher, and again I feel that he needs spanking instead of pitying. Next is the preacher as a hobo, who is ever trying to get his way paid on some one else's ticket. Oftentimes while the other ministers are preaching they will sit gaping at them, cherishing their sermon with laudations and amens, bidding them God speed. This is trustworthy and nice of course, but, Mr. Preacher, remember the true adage, Every tub sets on its own bottom, hence their prayers, tears, fastings, preaching and crying are of no use, nor to heal the sick, at least in public. What a pity that the Church of God in Corinth was ever anointed with the Holy Ghost, not simply after modern men's fashion but after the scriptural fashion, they spoke in tongues as on the day of Pentecost. Dear reader, do you not see that Paul and his associates preached Pentecost to the Christians at Corinth? Do you see that they were despised Church of God people? Hallelujah! And do you not see that instead of Paul contradicting Peter in his teaching and practice, he imitated him? Surely those saints were filled with the Spirit as were the one hundred and twenty at Pentecost and as in the house of Cornelius and the twelve in Ephesus, else the gifts of chapter twelve could never have been regulated. Preachers and people who have not been scripturally anointed with the Spirit, of course, have none of the gifts of the Spirit, neither have they any business to try to set in order those who have received the Spirit. They are being set in order by the Spirit. A preacher who does not teach the gift of the Spirit as Peter taught and experienced it is not a New Testament preacher, even though he has ability or knowledge of the scriptures. He deceives and misleads his hearers. A congregation that forbids speaking in other tongues is not a New Testament church anyway. It deceives and discards the distinctive sign and supernatural phenomenon with which this New Testament Church of God period began. The one hundred and twenty "began" to speak in tongues which implies that that phenomenon should continue. Such a congregation, even if it stands for divine healing, puts itself with the disciples before Christ's death. Oh what a plight! Dear reader, in all candor I ask you, Shall we let men's brains reason away this mighty, supernatural manifestation of God's power because it may appear weak or childish or foolish or fanatical to some people? "The foolishness of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men." 1 Cor. 1:25. The "latter rain" like the "former rain" has proven this to be true. Despite its shortcomings, amazing has been the worldwide awakening in the last twenty-four years, the God of Pentecost working wonders everywhere. Shall we cut out the supernatural because the refined and polished and learned do not like it and stay away from the meetings? As for myself, Never! "The common people heard HIM gladly." And they hear us gladly also.

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Wm. AUTEN, A MISSIONARY

Many good reports have come in from the work of Brother Auten in the Bahamas. A recent letter from him shows an extensive visit on Cat Island. Among the churches visited were Arthurstown, Devil's Point, and New Bight. These visits have created a great zeal in the natives and there is a general progressive move.

E. L. Simmons, Mission Sec.

\$80 WORTH OF MISSIONARY ZEAL

We recently received a check for \$80.00 for missionary work from a widow in North Carolina. Oh, what zeal for the cause of Christ! If as good an interest could be kindled in each member of Christ, who is a wage-earner, as there is in the heart of this widow, I am sure there would never be a lack in mission funds. Ask God to make a mission worker out of you.

"THIS IS THAT"

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Holy Ghost then give utterance sovereignly to the one hundred and twenty? If it is a plaything why did not the one hundred and twenty play theirs before the Spirit came? If it is an optional experience why did the first disciples ALL speak in tongues? If it does not matter, why did any of the disciples speak in new tongues? If speaking in tongues is childish or optional why did the apostle Paul say, "I thank God I speak in tongues more than you all?" Why did he also say, "Forbid not to speak with tongues?" If speaking in tongues is such a little thing and of optional importance, why did the Holy Ghost sovereignly precipitate that marvelous, awe-inspiring phenomenon upon the one hundred and twenty in Jerusalem? If as men now teach, that speaking in tongues is anathema or a sign of weakness or dangerous, why did God not fill the one hundred and twenty without giving them utterance in other tongues? If we can be filled without tongues now, why could not they then? It is too bad that our God did not wait till the last twenty-four years and counsel with the wise men of today. They would show Him that He could run His church without the supernatural operations and gifts of the Spirit. They would tell Him that it is not popular to speak in new tongues and it is of no use, nor to heal the sick, at least in public. What a pity that the Church of God in Corinth was ever anointed with the Holy Ghost, not simply after modern men's fashion but after the scriptural fashion, they spoke in tongues as on the day of Pentecost. Dear reader, do you not see that Paul and his associates preached Pentecost to the Christians at Corinth? Do you see that they were despised Church of God people? Hallelujah! And do you not see that instead of Paul contradicting Peter in his teaching and practice, he imitated him? Surely those saints were filled with the Spirit as were the one hundred and twenty at Pentecost and as in the house of Cornelius and the twelve in Ephesus, else the gifts of chapter twelve could never have been regulated. Preachers and people who have not been scripturally anointed with the Spirit, of course, have none of the gifts of the Spirit, neither have they any business to try to set in order those who have received the Spirit. They are being set in order by the Spirit. A preacher who does not teach the gift of the Spirit as Peter taught and experienced it is not a New Testament preacher, even though he has ability or knowledge of the scriptures. He deceives and misleads his hearers. A congregation that forbids speaking in other tongues is not a New Testament church anyway. It deceives and discards the distinctive sign and supernatural phenomenon with which this New Testament Church of God period began. The one hundred and twenty "began" to speak in tongues which implies that that phenomenon should continue. Such a congregation, even if it stands for divine healing, puts itself with the disciples before Christ's death. Oh what a plight! Dear reader, in all candor I ask you, Shall we let men's brains reason away this mighty, supernatural manifestation of God's power because it may appear weak or childish or foolish or fanatical to some people? "The foolishness of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men." 1 Cor. 1:25. The "latter rain" like the "former rain" has proven this to be true. Despite its shortcomings, amazing has been the worldwide awakening in the last twenty-four years, the God of Pentecost working wonders everywhere. Shall we cut out the supernatural because the refined and polished and learned do not like it and stay away from the meetings? As for myself, Never! "The common people heard HIM gladly." And they hear us gladly also.

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THE OLD SHIP OF ZION

BONNE TERRE, Mo.—We started a meeting at Bonne Terre Church of God, March 11, 1930 and continued it for twenty days. The writer did most of the preaching until the last week. C. C. Ackman preached, our state overseer preached one night, and Sister Boehannon preached one or two nights for us. She also led some splendid testimony services. The power fell in great waves of glory. People would just sit, look, and listen. The Holy Ghost worked in the meeting and great conviction seized the people. I will never forget Saturday night, Mar. 29. The Holy Ghost took charge. After a message was given out under the mighty power, the power fell for about two hours.

Sunday night, March 16, at the close of the meeting, Brother Ackman called an old time handshake which brought the great wave of glory for about two or three hours. How the great power of our God worked during this meeting. One was reclaimed and I believe the saints here are greatly encouraged and built up. I'm sure we all had a good feast from our Lord. It pays to live faithful to our dear Lord and His church and just stand and see the salvation of the Lord. Come on, brother and sister. Let us boost the great Church of God, the body of Christ. I'm settled and fixed and cannot be moved. She's right. She is the old ship of Zion. When she comes, she will never rock or totter for Jesus will be her captain. Hallelujah to the Lamb. Pray for us.—J. R. Rash, pastor.

water, and there were set there six waterpots of stone. In 1 Peter 2:5 His people are called lively stones. That is what every minister of the Lord does. He gives out the Word and the people or living stones become full of it. Not only do they receive salvation but ere long they receive the Holy Ghost. The Lord turns the water into wine. Some people get so much Word that they can almost hold two firkins (one half barrel) of water, so to speak, and my! when this is all turned into wine, there is surely some intoxication. No wonder people become hilarious when filled with the Holy Ghost. No wonder the multitudes said that the disciples were drunk on the day of Pentecost. They were drunk but not on natural wine. They were drunk on the wine from heaven. I have heard people say, When Christmas comes I surely am going to buy me a gallon. Oh, do not wait for Christmas. You may get a gallon now. There is at least a gallon for every believer, according to these verses. There were six waterpots containing two or three firkins apiece. We are safe in saying that they averaged two and one half firkins each. Six times two and a half are fifteen and as one firkin is seven and three-fourths gallons the six pots contained one hundred and sixteen and one-fourth gallons. When the Holy Ghost came on the day of Pentecost one hundred and twenty received Him and we may say here that there were about one hundred and twenty gallons of wine. One gallon for every believer. Each one's jug was filled early in the morning. By nine o'clock they were well on their way. They did not care what people said about them being drunk. Friends, if those who read this have a craving for drink why not drink something that will give you an everlasting good feeling and profit. Come take a drink of this everlasting water of life and let the Lord turn it to wine. Come to some Church of God meeting and get your jug filled. Do not try to slip out with just a pint of wine. The officers will not get you. It is permissible to carry a jug full. Yes, "this is that."

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CARAWAY, Ark. — I am glad that I can report victory in my soul. I have had hard trials and temptations but the Lord was tempted also, and He bore His temptations with patience and never murmured. He was nailed to the cross for you and me. I want to make Heaven my home by the help of the Lord. I mean to go thru to the end. There are people here who need the true gospel preached to them. There are many kinds of doctrines here, but the Church of God is not. I would like for some good Church of God preacher (I mean one who stands four square for the Church) to come and hold us a revival. We will do all we can to help. We have no church here but I hope there will be one before long. I would like to see this place taken for God and the Church. I do not get to be in services or Sunday School very much, but Jesus said He would never leave us nor forsake us. Heb. 13:5. If there is any one who feels like writing I would be glad to get encouraging letters. Please pray for father, mother and myself. We all trust the Lord for all in all. — Your little brother under the blood, Henry Clay Martin, Box 233.

GOD'S POWER MANIFESTED

PINEVIEW, Ga. — I praise the Lord for what He is to me and for what He has done for Pineview and the Church of God here. Brother Dennard, our pastor, has certainly given us the Word of God. We are all glad to have him for our pastor. He has preached so plainly and so much good has come by it that many people are convinced that God surely dwells with us. We are few in number but God has manifested His power wonderfully. Fire has been handled, demons seen and cast out, sick healed, music played under the power, and many other blessings have been received. We have received written messages under the power of the Holy Ghost. The gift of interpretation has been given to some of our members. Oh, I could never get through praising the Lord for what He has done for us. Two have received the Holy Ghost and others are seeking. Pray, that our church may grow stronger each day. — (Miss) Elsie Smith.

Watch and Pray

FAYETTE, Ala.—When the day is ended and the sun sets in the West can we say we have done our best for God and His cause or will we say, No there is something left undone? I never visited the sick. I just passed them by with no thought of them or God. My aim is for the dollar, unmindful of my task. This question must be answered when our heavenly Father asks for us some day. You and I will stand before the judgment throne and meet our God face to face. If we have left off our task, we cannot stand. We cannot blame others for our wrong. God will say, I am only judging you just now. Let's work and watch and pray that we may hear our God say, Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou in thru the pearly gates into the city.

The widow and orphans I carelessly passed them by. I never stopped when I heard them cry, to give them aid as I was only looking out for self. Some day, my friend, we will stand before God, our sentence to hear. Let it be yes or no the judge will tell you so. Then we will go where He says go, let it be up or down. My friends, let's watch and pray and try to do better every day and miss the downward way. Amen.—J. J. Lee.

BIBLE LESSONS FOR CHILDREN

BY LUTHER A. RICHARD</



Deaths

MORGAN

Our community has again been brought to sorrow by God calling the great Beyond Sister Lou Morgan, widow of Brother Tom Morgan. We wonder about some of the workings of God but we know that He doeth all things well. Sister Morgan was sick three days and died twenty-three days after Brother Morgan's death. It was hard to give her up as her death came so soon after the father's death. Sister Morgan was so faithful in her life to God. Her life lives on and many will be the stars in her crown. Sister Alvie is left alone in the home but God only knows the sorrow that comes when father and mother are gone. They are waiting for their loved ones to come up higher. Sister Morgan trusted the Lord unto death. Her body was laid away in the Cleveland cemetery. — P. F. Fritz, Cleveland, Miss.

GRIFFITH

On March 22, 1930 the death angel visited our home and claimed for its victim my dear mother, Alice Griffith, on her sixty-sixth birthday. I loved my precious mother but Jesus loved her best and saw best to take her to that land of rest to live with Him forever. I want to live the life and meet my mother again. She was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. She was a member of the Church of God and lived a humble Christian life for ten years. She is survived by six children, twenty grandchildren, and one sister. The funeral services were held at the Church of God at Eldorado, Ill. in charge of Brother John C. Jernigan and her body was laid to rest in Wolf Creek cemetery. Her daughter who loved her dearly, Ailie Loyd, Eldorado, Ill.

HELTON

On March 17, 1930 the death angel visited the home of our dear Brother and Sister Dillard Helton and claimed for its victim their darling baby, Lillian Ann Helton. She was born March 17, 1930. She leaves to mourn a father, mother, one brother, and one sister, and a host of friends. Let us all pray for our dear brother and sister that they will live closer to God and meet their little jewel where they will never have to part. — One who loves them all, Mr and Mrs. J. G. Blackburn, Rt. 1, Middletown, Ohio.

EVANS

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, the death angel came and claimed our dear brother, George Evans. We miss him very much but we realize that our loss is Heaven's gain. Brother George was thirty-eight years of age. He was saved, sanctified, and praying for the Holy Ghost. He had been a loyal member of the Church of God for about two years. He leaves to mourn his death a wife, three small children, and a host of friends and relatives. I have known him for three years and will say his life was a model one. The funeral was conducted by the writer. One who loved him dearly, Roy Marcus, Naugatuck, W. Va.

SHARP

On Feb. 19, 1930 the death angel called at the home of our dear Brother Billie Sharp and claimed their darling little girl, Inez. She would have been five years of age in May. This was sad. Then the angel called again and took her little sister, Ophelia. She would have been three years of age October

9. Oh how sad. They were snatched away so soon with pneumonia fever and flu. They were put in a double casket and both little ones placed in their resting place to wait for father and mother, sisters, and brothers. May this saddened home become a home of prayer. May the loved ones be comforted in their lonely hours of trouble and be ready to meet the little babies and sisters in glory. Their little bodies were laid to rest in the Hardman graveyard near Early, Ga. — One who loved them, their aunt, Lillie Breeden.

SCOTT

On April 6, the death angel visited the home of Mr. H. C. Scott and claimed for its victim his darling wife, Mrs. Maggie Scott. She was born July 9, 1900. She was sick one week and one day. All was done for her that loving hands could do but God saw best to call her away. She was a member of the Church of God and was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We miss her. She leaves to mourn a husband, five children, one step-child, a mother, two sisters, seven brothers, and a host of relatives and friends. Her funeral was conducted by Brother York and her body laid to rest in the Friendship cemetery. One who loved her, Eva Latta, Blountsville, Ala.

LLEWELLYN

We are sure the many friends of Mrs. Faith (Simmons) Llewellyn will be shocked to hear of her death. She departed this life April 15th at 4:05 o'clock p. m., after having suffered intensively for about five days. Faith, as we always called her, was en route to points in Florida where she intended to visit relatives, and expected to stay till after the June Camp Meeting. She, accompanied by her two small children and a girl friend, were touring thru, and with eagerness to reach her destination to greet friends and loved ones, arose early in the morning, and when it was hardly daybreak she lost control of her machine which wrecked, and caused her to receive wounds which proved fatal. She was rushed to a nearby hospital (at Lake City, Fla.) and all was done for her that physicians, friends and relatives could do, but for some reason, best known to Himself, God saw fit to call her home. She left the beautiful testimony, "I'm ready to go."

Many of the Evangel readers will remember Faith, as she has traveled extensively with her parents, Brother and Sister H. B. Simmons, playing the piano and helping in evangelistic services, and will be sad to learn of her departure.

Her service as stenographer at the Evangel Office for several years was appreciated by the officials, and we, the employees cannot soon forget our pleasant association, with Faith while working at the office. She was ever cheerful and full of life, and the Evangel force learned to love her dearly.

Paul is deprived of the ever cheerful and devoted companionship of a loving wife; her babies, J. P. and Anita Fae (ages 3 yrs. and 9 mos.) are left without the ever watchful care of a darling mother; Ernest, Clyde and Geneva have lost their beloved sister, and her dear old mother and father's hearts are aching tonight because of the fact that they can no more look upon the smiling face of their precious daughter. We extend to them, and all the bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy, but we know that "He who doeth all things well" is the only one that can give comfort in trying hours like this, so we can only submit to the will of the Father and rest in the consolation that one glad day we will meet Faith again where partings will be no more.

The funeral was conducted in the Church of God Auditorium by Brothers M. W. Letsinger and Frank Lemons, and her remains laid to rest in the Cleveland cemetery to await the resurrection morning. Written by one who loved her. — Mrs. Vianna Daniel.

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We wish to thank our many friends for their sympathy and kindness in our bereavement on account of the death of our daughter and sister.

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The Half Can Never Be Told

We praise God for a pentecostal shower that surely did come our way in its abundance Sunday, March 23, which was our home coming day in Kannapolis, N. C. How we did enjoy the power of our God throughout the day. We were glad to have our brothers, sisters, and friends from other churches with us.

Our Sunday School began at 9:45 with about 200 in attendance. Every teacher seemed so enthused. It seemed that the power of God brightened up their faces as they taught their classes. At eleven o'clock our regular service began with good singing from the choir. How the songs of Zion rang when the saints sang with their faces shining with the power of our Lord.

We enjoyed the good messages from our exhorters and evangelists.

Some one said we surely had some preachers in Kannapolis, for which we are so thankful. It was wonderful to hear the Word of God given out in such boldness and to see what great preachers God had made out of men who a few years ago would not attend a Holiness meeting at all unless it was for pastime. This service continued until one o'clock. While some went away for lunch, others sought the Lord. At two o'clock service began with singing and music. We had good talks from other speakers until about 4:30. We then had until 7:15 to pray and prepare for another feast that night. Singing and music was again enjoyed after which Sister Carrie Almond took charge of the young people's meeting. Her lecture was fine, also good testimonies of our good young people. Brother Snyder, our pastor, brought us a good message on the Godhead. We surely do love and appreciate our pastor and his good wife.

Well, the half can never be told. It's wonderful what the Lord can and is doing for His people. I desire to live a pure undefiled life before our God. Pray for me. Lorena Heathcock.

Lord Blessing Young People's Meeting

KANNAPOLIS, N. C. — I am glad tonight for the privilege of witnessing for the dear Lord who has done so much for me. Bless His name. I am glad I am saved and sanctified by the precious blood that was shed on the cruel cross. Though it was shed many years ago, it covers my soul just now. I praise Him for the sweet Holy Ghost that abides in my soul. It comforts and encourages our hearts along the way and helps us to overcome every trial and test. Oh, I am so glad tonight that I ever heard the real Gospel preached and accepted it. I am rejoicing in this good way. It just suits me. I am finding glory all along the way. I thank the Lord for His healing power. I am glad we can trust Him with our bodies. There are many who think we should use remedies but I am glad Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever and can heal all manner of diseases. He is the great Physician.

I love the Church of God and thank the Lord for the privilege of being a member of it. We have a good work here for which we praise the Lord. Brother J. M. Snyder is our pastor and we certainly love him and his wife. They have been a real blessing to us. This is their third year as pastor here. They have stood by the work and the Lord has wonderfully blessed their labor. They have the love and confidence of both saint and sinner. We have a good live Sunday School and a nice band of young people. Each Sunday evening prior to the preaching service we have young people's meeting in which the Lord pours out His Spirit in a wonderful way. The Lord is doing great and wonderful things. We cannot tell it all but we can say as David, "The Lord hath done (and is doing) great things for us, whereof we are glad." Please pray that we will be true to Him and subject to Him at all times. Yours for Him and His cause, Maggie Griffin, clerk, 105 S. Poplar St.

More Determined

EAST ALTON, Ill. — On Feb. 23 we started a revival at East Alton. The revival had been going on for about a week when Brother O. L. Williams from Morristown, Tenn. came and took charge. About six were saved, two sanctified, one received the Holy Ghost, and nine came into the church.

Brother Williams is a good preacher and surely did shell out the Gospel. We had good interest. The revival closed Sunday night, March 23. Bro. Williams was loved by all.

The Lord blessed and the saints were encouraged. They are more determined to go on.

Anyone wanting a revival would do well to get Brother Williams for he is a real preacher and takes well with all the people. We are expecting him to come back in the near future and hold us another revival. We now have a membership of about twenty-three. Everyone who reads this please pray for us to get a building to worship in. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless us in this place. — H. L. Medley, 187½ Goulding Ave.

WE ARE RIDING THE WAVES

J. R. Thomas

"But the ship was in the midst of the sea tossed with the waves, for the wind was contrary." Matt. 14:24. The harder the storm comes the closer we should stick to Him for He is always interested in His children. We can see this in the text, however, it looked like the ship would sink, and they would all go down in defeat and soon be on the bottom of the sea, but Jesus came on the scene in the fourth watch of the night, walking on the wild sea. What did He care for the storm? What did He care for the waves? He had His eyes on those He loved and was coming to their rescue. He always comes in time. Let come what may, if we hold on to Him, we will come out more than conquerors.

Please bear in mind that the storm came on just after the great victory, just after the great miracle, just after the five thousand had eaten and were filled from five loaves and two fishes. No doubt the disciples were feeling good to see what Jesus had done. They were glad that they had started with Him and to know that they were His disciples, and they were sure they would never go hungry, and were glad they were His.

But what about after they were out on the sea and the storm on and the wind contrary? That was not so pleasant. So it is with us many times, things look good and sailing easy but before we are aware of it we are out in the midst of the sea and the storm is on, tossed by the waves, but thank God we can remember that He is with us and He has His eyes on us if we just stand true in the storm or whatever comes. It looks like in the days we are now in that the devil has turned loose all his artillery from the bottomless pit on God's people and among them. Yes, the storm is now on and has been for the last few years, but the old ship of Zion (Church of God) still sails on. She has hit some hidden rocks that have caused some damage. Jude spoke about the hidden rocks. I will quote from the revised version Bible. "These are they who are hidden rocks in your love feasts." Jude 12. The King James Bible reads, "Spots in your feasts of charity." Many have said they love the Church of God and would stay with her until death, but the waves have got them. They have gone overboard. Truly we are in day when men are betraying one another and the love of many is waxing cold. God help us to stand true to the Lord and His Church and love each other in spite of that old betraying spirit that is in the world today. Let us stand true. We can see that the storm has been on for the last few years and the Church of God is as if she were out in the midst of the sea, tossed by the waves, but Jesus has His eyes on her. I can almost hear Him say, "It is I be not afraid." Glory to God, the storm will soon be over, the traitors will all be gone overboard and if we keep true we will sail on and soon hear Him say, "Peace be still. Come away, my dove, my undefiled. I have guided you thru the storms of persecution, false apostles, deceitful workers, as the lily among the thorns so is the Church of God in the storms of opposition." She will soon be made white; she will soon land on the other side, so let's stay on board and we will soon hear Him say, "This is she without spot or wrinkle."

Still Winning Battles For Jesus

Fender, Ga. — We have just closed a revival of three and a half weeks at Union Grove Church of God. We have had a good meeting. Eyes have been opened and deaf ears unstopped. We have had a hard battle here but won the victory. Praise God! Several were saved, some sanctified and some filled with the precious Holy Ghost. The sick have been healed and devils cast out. "Keep fighting on" is our watchword, for blessed is he who holds out faithful to the end, the same shall be saved. Dear brothers and sisters, these are perilous times and it surely takes the whole armor to stand, for the devil is on his job as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. He knows the time is short for Jesus is coming soon, very soon. O how I feel the great power of God as I write. The race will soon be over. Dear saints, just a few more miles of the way then we shall enter the haven of rest to reign with Jesus.

Just a word of encouragement, hold on to God and you will hold out faithfully, for we know if this earthly house or tabernacle of ours be dissolved we have a building of God eternal in the heavens. A wonderful thought it is. Dear saints, pray for me that I will always keep in the center of God's will for part of my way sometimes is dark but the darkest hours are just before the dawn and just behind the clouds the sun is shining. Bless His name! Pray that I will keep hid behind the cross of Calvary and hold the blood stained banner of Jesus higher and higher that precious souls might be brought to God. O how I love to work for Jesus and warn souls to flee the wrath to come for every day brings us closer and closer to the end of the way. The war will soon be over, it will be glory to look on Jesus and surely then our troubles will be over so let's

PRAISING GOD FOR VICTORY

J. R. Thomas

UNICOI, Tenn. — I praise the dear Lord this morning for what He is to me. I am glad I can report victory in my soul. I am still sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides. Bless the Lord! I am praising the dear Lord because He is my healer, sanctifier and coming King. I thank Him for healing me of rheumatism along last Spring. I was past walking without help. One Sunday evening thru the prayers of the saints the Lord healed me. I am glad I know the Lord can heal. I am trusting Him with both soul and body and I am feeling good about it. I want the saints everywhere to pray for me. I want stronger faith.

I want to say to all of the Church of God members, we ought to begin to pray for the Lord to set the gifts in the church. I Cor. 12. Now when we all got the light on the Word that the Lord would sanctify us and give us the Holy Ghost, we surely did some praying and tarrying before the Lord until the blessing came. I remember in the year 1918, the year before I received the great blessing, the little Evangel paper would come out with testimonies from everywhere, saying, pray for me to get the Holy Ghost. I would get so hungry for the blessing I would just read, cry, fast and pray until I got sanctified and received the Holy Ghost. So I feel that it is time now for us to get together and fast and pray and tarry before the Lord until He sets the gifts in the church as is His plan. Pray for me. I have a desire in my heart for more faith. I see the Lord has promised us the gift of faith. I am not partial, but I would like to have that gift. Pray for the Lord to set the gifts in the church and that will bring the Church to a perfect state. Then the Lord will come to catch her away. Pray for me to stay humble and do the Lord's will and be a light for Jesus in this dark world. I am trying to be a soul winner till He comes or calls for me. — Your sister under the blood and in the battle for God and the right, Maggie Jones.

SALEM, W. Va. — We started a revival at the Church of God in Salem, February 2. Wife and I carried it on until the sixth. Then we were joined by Sister Oda B. Teets. She is an Assembly of God evangelist but says she likes the Church of God because it stands for sanctification the way she sees it. She was a Methodist evangelist two years ago. She held the first revival in their ninety thousand dollar church here in this town. She preached a clean life and got under conviction for the Holy Ghost and sought the blessing until she received it. I never saw a greater worker than she is. She would preach and work at the altar until a late hour at night and encourage folks to unite with the church.

The Lord blessed from the very first night. Our large altar was full most every night. The town was surely stirred. One Baptist man received the Holy Ghost that had had the light on it for seventeen years. Twenty-seven were saved, twelve sanctified, and ten received the Holy Ghost. We have a fine band of people here.

When we came here last Fall we found a band of good saints. They got busy and furnished us five nice rooms.

I never saw better people to work with. Our clerk and treasurer told me they are one hundred per cent tithe payers. That is working. People say this was the best revival that has ever been here since Brother D. R. Moreland organized the church here.

Come on, West Virginia preachers. Let us make this state what God has designed for it to be. You know we can do it by the help of the Lord. I am greatly encouraged on the Clarksville District. I have two calls to organize churches now and will get after them at once. The people in this country surely love the truth. I will start over the district soon. I hope every pastor on this district gets at least one new church this year.

We had Brother Latimer, our General Overseer, and Brother Whittington, our pastor at Cleveland, with us two nights since we have been here. The people still talk about how they enjoyed their being here. We would be glad to see them come this way again. Let every Evangel reader please pray for us. — E. O. Sells and wife, Box 184.

WEATHERFORD, Tex. — Just closed a meeting at Mineral Wells, Tex. in which 7 received the Holy Ghost. Lots of new faces that have never been seen at church before were there. The church is greatly encouraged to make a new start. Everybody who reads this please pray a special prayer for Mineral Wells. — Yours for lost souls, W. M. Kile, state evangelist, Box 143.

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